IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the existing Abstract with the following Abstract.

A branch prediction method ~~includes the steps of: a)~~ including determining branch prediction data indicating a state of branch prediction according to whether a branch is actually ~~made or not; b)~~ made, performing branch prediction according to the branch prediction ~~data;~~ data, and ~~c)~~ correcting the branch prediction data according to whether ~~a~~ the branch is actually made ~~or not~~.

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